

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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State Title: **Geoscientist V**

Functional Title:

Job Posting: **15227**

Monthly Salary: \$5258.66 - \$6237.62

Salary Group: B25

Posting Date: 04/13/2015

Close Date: 04/27/2015

Section/Division: Water Quality Admin Section/ Water Quality Division

Work Location: 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753

Openings: One(1)

Position #(s): 5350

Job Description:

Provides technical guidance and recommendations for permits and registrations for the Groundwater Protection Program of the Water Quality Assessment Team of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Reviews permit applications and compiles, analyzes and interprets highly complex data to assess potential impacts to groundwater quality and determines possible contamination sources. Prepares evaluations in accordance with federal and state rules, regulations, and TCEQ policies and guidelines. Develops recommendation memos. Ensures all updates are accurately made to the appropriate tracking databases within a timely manner. Reviews Notices of Intent (NOIs) for the CAFO General Permit to assess possible impacts to groundwater quality. Prepares written documentation in accordance with federal and state rules, regulations, and policies and guidelines. Ensures all updates are accurately made to the groundwater tracking databases within a timely manner. Reviews and responds to CAFO Well Buffer Exception requests in accordance with TCEQ rules and Division policies. Responds to comments on draft permits. Reviews draft permits for Executive Review Committee and revises permits and other documents as needed. Attends Commission Agenda, hearings and public meetings and meetings with permittees. Communicates highly complex information and responds to inquiries regarding the groundwater protection program to other government agencies, the regulated community, agency staff, and the public. Represents the Water Quality Assessment Section and the TCEQ at outside organizations, and with the media and public. Reviews and revises proposed legislation, and develops rules when appropriate. Maintains and updates appropriate SOPs as required. Oversees, coordinates and conducts hydrologic investigations, site investigation, studies and special projects. Researches and evaluates field and laboratory data related to water quality, contaminant sources, management practices and program activities associated with permitted facilities, and maintains project records and databases. Prepares reports on the results of monitoring of wastewater permits; and reviews reports and plans for site investigations prepared by others. Assists the team leader in providing direction, leadership, and mentoring for the staff of the groundwater protection program.

Minimum Qualifications:

Licensed as a Geoscientist by the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) plus ten years of full-time geological experience. A graduate degree in a geoscience discipline may substitute for one year of the required experience, with a maximum of two years substitution allowed.

Preferred Requirements:

Experience in groundwater protection.
Experience reviewing groundwater monitoring data.
Experience and/or training with groundwater contamination issues.
Experience with GIS software.
Experience with land application permitting.

Special Requirements:

Moving up to 10 pounds of paper/files.
Traveling up to 10% of the time.
The agency will review the applicant's driving history in connection with the use of a vehicle in the performance of the job.

Condition of Employment:

TCEQ will verify Selective Service registration for males born on or after January 1, 1960. If exempt from Selective Service registration selected candidate must provide proof of exemption on first day of employment. Offers of employment are contingent on the candidate having legal authorization to work for the TCEQ. TCEQ will conduct a criminal history records search on candidates selected for posted vacancies. Only applicants who are interviewed will receive written non-selection notification.

Submit a standard State of Texas application for **each job posting** to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Human Resources & Staff Services (HRSS) office by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date. A signed faxed or emailed copy is acceptable. In compliance with ADA, if you need any special accommodations during the employment process, please contact HRSS for assistance.

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